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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-481-A)

In the Application of:)
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Attenborough et al.) Group Art Unit: 2652
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Serial No. 10/798,996)
) Examiner: To be assigned
Filed: March 11, 2004)
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For: Spin-Valve Structure and Method for)
Making Spin-Valve Structures)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Status Inquiry
2. Return Postcard

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- A. X No additional fee is required.
- B. Attached is a check in the amount of \$-0-.
- C. Charge the total additional fee of \$0 to our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on March 11, 2004. However, to date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action in the application. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when Applicants may expect to receive a first Office Action.

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